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INFORMATION CIRCULAR

To: Members of the staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Conference and Support Services

Subject: PUBLIC LOBBY EXHIBIT OF THE ORIGINAL CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS

1. The purpose of the present information circular is to inform the staff that, as of 1 February 1995, the original Charter of the United Nations will be on display in the Public Lobby. It will remain on display throughout 1995, with the exception of the period from April through June, when it will be exhibited in the City of San Francisco. As stipulated in Article 111, the original Charter has been deposited in the United States National Archives since 1945. The intention in exhibiting the original Charter at United Nations Headquarters is to launch officially the commemoration of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the United Nations, by sharing the document that sets forth the principles and purposes by which and for which our world Organization was founded with all those who work at, or visit, United Nations Headquarters in New York.

2. At a ceremony in the Public Lobby on 1 February 1995, the Secretary-General, His Excellency Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali, will inaugurate this year-long exhibit. On this occasion, the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations, Her Excellency Ambassador Madeleine K. Albright, will officially present the original Charter to the Secretary-General.

3. The ceremony will also include a performance by the United Nations singers, a welcome by Under-Secretary-General Gillian Martin Sorensen and a statement by the Secretary-General. The Mayor of New York City, His Excellency Mr. Rudolph Giuliani and the Permanent Representative of Australia to the United Nations, His Excellency Ambassador Richard Butler, Chairman of the Fiftieth Anniversary Preparatory Committee, and His Excellency Ambassador Legwaila Joseph Legwaila, Permanent Representative of Botswana and President of the Security Council for the month of February 1995, will make brief remarks. The Secretary-General and five of the original United Nations staff members will then present copies of the Charter to six children from different continents.

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